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Open House At Rocks Church

The Rev. and Mrs. Don Wagner invite all members and friends of Rocks Baptist Church to "Open House" on Friday, August 1, 1975 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Wagner have expressed their desire to have members and friends to come and celebrate their "First Anniversary" at Rocks Church. They say, "it has been a glorious year in the Lord and we would love to share this day with all our new found friends in Christ."

FAMILY REUNION

The family reunion of the late Charles Morris and Addie Ferguson will be held at Holiday Lake, on Sunday, August 3. Friends and relatives are invited to attend. Come and bring a picnic lunch.

Stamp Recipients

Persons receiving Social Security, SSI, or Railroad Retirement may expect a change in their Food Stamp Purchase Requirement which will correspond with the increase in benefits, according to an announcement from Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

This change will be effective by August 1, 1975.

Marsh Reunion

The descendants of the late Stephen Thomas and Elvira Gordon Marsh will hold their annual reunion Sunday, August 3 at the Woodman of the World building in Appomattox.

Friends and relatives are expected to attend and a picnic lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

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The Pastor Speaks

One of the greatest verses in all the Bible to me is Colossians 1:27, which reads, **"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."** This verse can change your whole outlook on life and give you supernatural power for effective and abundant Christian living.

God has told us that without Him we can do nothing. Yet many today are trying to tackle life without Him. They envision Christ as sitting up in Heaven looking down upon them as they try to meet the various circumstances of life on their own. A bright new day is on the horizon for the defeated Christian when he comprehends the mysterious principle, **"Christ in me, the hope of glory."**

Jesus wants every Christian to live an "overcoming" life rather than a life filled with defeat and despair. He has provided the Christian all the power that he needs in order to be an "overcomer." Do you realize what this verse really means? Christ is in you waiting for you to allow Him to live for Him. only to find it impossible because of your obvious human limitations. You can't do anything for God, but He can sure do a lot through you if you yield your heart and life to Him.

Life takes on new meaning and new direction when you finally realize that within you is enough power to meet every situation in life. If you are a Christian try saying every morning to yourself, "Christ is in me," and yield your very life to Him that day. I think you'll find that soon you will be living live as an "overcomer."

H. Doyle Chauncey, Pastor
Liberty Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

Chestnut Grove

Regular worship services will be held at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on Sunday morning, August 3. The Rev. K. W. Davis will conduct the services.

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The Sunday School Lesson

Comments by Herbert C. Bradshaw

Lesson For August 3, 1975

RESOURCES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9; Colossians 2:1-17

Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Growth stimulates more growth, as study inspires more study. Paul gave an excellent prescription for spiritual growth when he wrote to the Philippian Christians,

"Finally, brethren, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Experience teaches the truth of the observation, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." If one would grow to spiritual maturity, he must think about spiritual things. What a person thinks about reflects his real interests. The more he thinks about it, the more interested he becomes in it and the more study he puts upon it. If a person wants to grow to spiritual maturity, which is the real goal of Christian thought and living (the two should not be divorced but inextricably woven together), the first step is to focus one's thinking upon it. By being able to choose what he thinks about, a person can choose spiritual growth for his life.

Thinking, however, needs support from outside sources. One needs knowledge, and increasing knowledge, on the subject of his thinking. Every field of human endeavor requires study, if one is to make progress in it.

In the area of Christian growth the individual has many resources available for increasing the knowledge conducive to growth. Basic, of course, is the Bible, a treasure house of spiritual knowledge. If one has available no other such resource, the Bible will prove adequate. By diligent and consistent study of the Bible and practice of its teachings, many have attained spiritual maturity. Even if one has available other resources for study, whether few or many, the Bible offers the greatest amount of assistance for spiritual growth.

Paul did not have the Scripture as we know them, but in his counsel to the Colossian Christians for growing spiritually, he advised them to "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly . . ." Christians today have the word of Christ, as it is recorded in the Bible. In addition to the Bible, many helpful works are available, books, articles in religious publications, seeking to interpret for our clearer understanding God's revelation of Himself as it is recorded in the Scriptures. They are so numerous that one cannot read them all, so one must be selective in his choices.

Paul suggests another resource for Christian growth, singing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." This suggests the great area of religious art as a resource - painting, sculpture, architecture, music, drama. The building to which one goes for worship can be an inspiring factor in spiritual growth in the beauty of its architecture and decoration. The music of the worship service, as well as the other features of the liturgy, as the prayers, the Scripture reading, the sermon, contribute to spiritual growth if one enters into them thoughtfully and seriously. One's private devotional life and prayers constitute another resource.

Other Christians are also a resource for Christian growth. Paul not only called attention to his own contribution to the spiritual growth of those to whom he ministered, but his objective in [illegible] man mature in [illegible] each other's [illegible] admonish one [illegible] wisdom." [illegible] help to [illegible] become, of course, [illegible] taken to select [illegible] materials [illegible] spiritual growth, [illegible] choosing [illegible] encourage [illegible] spiritual maturity.

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